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SUBJ: BACKGOUNDS OF SENATE CANDIDATES

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1. FRENCH-LANGUAGE VIET-NAM PRESS OF EVENING JULY 3 HAS FOLLOWING STORY ON BACKGOUNDS OF 721 CANDIDATES FOR SENATE SEATS:

A. QUOTE -- ACCORDING TO THE FIRST POSTING, AMONG THE 721 CANDIDATES (640 OFFICIAL AND 81 ALTERNATES) OF THE 64 LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATORIAL ELECTIONS, 286 ARE NATIVES OF THE SOUTH, 279 OF THE NORTH AND 156 OF THE CENTER.

B. HERE ARE THE SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE CANDIDATES:

107 ARTISANS, BUSINESSMEN OR INDUSTRIALISTS; 56 LAWYERS AND JUDGES; 55 DEPUTIES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; 53 CIVIL SERVANTS; 50 EDITORS, PUBLISHERS, AND JOURNALISTS; 38 MEDICAL DOCTORS 34 UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS; 46 MILITARY MEN; 29 COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE (I.E. PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS); 26 ENGINEERS? 12 PHARMACISTS; THE REST PRACTICE VARIOUS PROFESSIONS.

C. THE OLDEST CANDIDATE IS MR TRAN KAO, 74, ALTERNATE ON LIST 58. THERE ARE SIX OTHER CANDIDATES OLDER THAN 70; MESSRS TRAN NGOC LAN, 73 (LIST 20), DANG SI THINH, 72 (LIST 56),

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VO VAN TRUYEN, 71 (LIST 22), NGO KHUONG, 71 (LIST 45), TA CHUONG PHUNG, 70 (LIST 10) AND NGUYEN XUAN TY, 72 (LIST 64).

D. THE SIX FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ARE ONLY 30, THE MINIMUM AGE FOR SENATORIAL CANDIDATES; MESSRS KSOR KUT (LIST 13), NGUYEN MANH BACH (LIST 46), LE VAN DANH (LIST 47), DO DINH QUY (LIST 58), TRAN HUYNH CHAU (LIST 60) AND HO XICH TU (LIST 27).

E. MR HO XICH TU, BORN SEPTEMBER 3, 1937, WILL BE THIRTY ON ELECTION DAY.

F. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE CANDIDATES VARIES FROM 40 TO 45.

G. AMONG THE 721 CNADIDATES ARE 37 WOMEN. TWO, MRS NGUYEN THI HUE, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, AND MRS TRAN VAN VAN, NEE BUI THI DIEM, ARE THE HEADS OF LISTS 7 AND 47.

H. FOUR VIETNAMESE OF KHMER ORIGIN AND THREE MONTAGNARDS ARE AMONG THE CANDIDATES.

I. FIVE LISTS HAVE ADOPTED TITLES RELATING TO PROFESSIONS OR SOCIAL GROUPS.

J. LIST 1 GROUPS 12 JOURNALISTS; LIST 4, 12 UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS; LIST 47. CADRES OF THE VIETNAMESE CONFIDERATION OF LABOR; LIST 55, POPULARLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS, AND LIST 57, 11 LAWYERS.

K. THE FOLLOWING GENERALS IS RETIREMENT OR NO LONGER UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ARMY ARE AMONG THE SENATORIAL CANDIDATES: THAI QUANG HOANG, TRAN VAN DON, TON THAT DINH, HUYNH VAN CAO AND LE VAN NGHIEM UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THESE FIGURES ARE ROUGHLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN CALCULATIONS. WE WILL REPORT OUR OWN SOMEWHAT MORE REFINED ANALYSIS OF THE CANDIDATES AS A WHOLE AND OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS BY SEPTEL. BUNKER

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